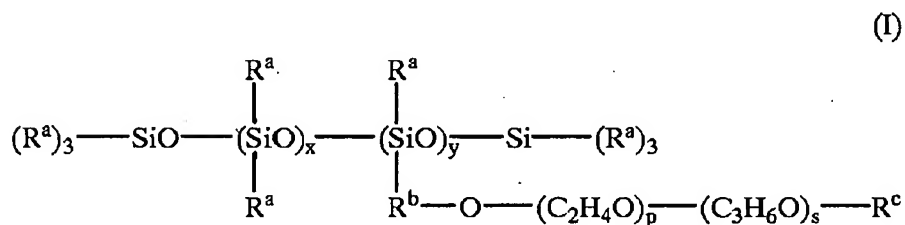


Amendments to the Claims

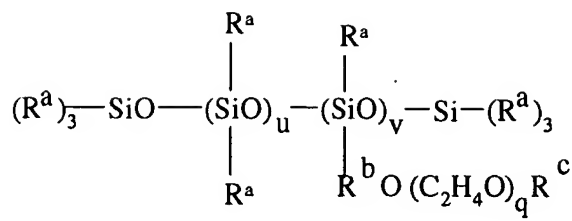
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of making an adhesive matrix containing an adhesive and a solid powdered hydrophilic drug or a solid powdered hydrophilic excipient comprising the sequential steps of (i) forming a semi-solid composition containing the solid powdered hydrophilic drug or the solid powdered hydrophilic excipient, and a silicone polyether; (ii) adding to the semi-solid composition formed in (i) an adhesive or a solution containing a solvent and an adhesive; and (iii) mixing the semi-solid composition and the adhesive or the solution containing the solvent and the adhesive to form the adhesive matrix
wherein the silicon polyether is selected from



where R^a is methyl group with the proviso that when R^a is a terminal group it is selected from an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms and the group -R^b-O-(C₂H₄O)_p-(C₃H₆O)_s-R^c; R^b is the radical -C_mH_{2m}-; R^c is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two to eight; p and s have values such that the oxyalkylene segment -(C₂H₄O)_p-(C₃H₆O)_s- has a molecular weight in the range of 400 to 5,000; x has a value of 80 to 400; and y has a value of 2 to 10; and



where R^a is methyl group with the proviso that when R^a is a terminal group it is selected from an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms and the group -R^b-O-(C₂H₄O)_p-R^c; R^b is the radical -C_mH_{2m}-; R^c is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two to eight; q has a value of 8 to 16; u has a value of 6 to 12; and v has a value of 1 to 8.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive is hydrophobic.
3. (original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the hydrophobic adhesive is a silicone pressure sensitive adhesive.
4. (original) A method according to Claim 2 including the step of (iv) applying the hydrophobic matrix to a substrate.
5. (original) A method according to Claim 1 in which the solid powdered hydrophilic drug or the solid powdered hydrophilic excipient, and the silicone polyether, are present in the semi-solid composition in a weight ratio of 1:10 to 10:1.
6. (original) A method according to Claim 1 in which the solution containing the adhesive and the solvent contains 10-90 percent by weight of the adhesive and 10-90 percent by weight of the solvent.

7. (original) A method according to Claim 3 wherein the silicone pressure sensitive adhesive comprises (i) a silicone MQ resin containing monofunctional (M) units $R_3SiO_{1/2}$ and tetrafunctional (Q) units SiO_4 , wherein R is a hydrocarbon group; and (ii) a polydiorganosiloxane fluid or a polydiorganosiloxane gum.
8. (original) A method according to claim 7 wherein the polydiorganosiloxane fluid is a hydroxyl endblocked polydiorganosiloxane fluid with a viscosity of 100 to 1,000,000 centistokes (mm^2/s).
9. (original) A method according to claim 7 wherein the polydiorganosiloxane gum is a hydroxyl endblocked polydiorganosiloxane gum.
10. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 in which u + v is the silicone polyether ~~is a copolymeric silicone polyether containing dimethylsiloxyl repeating units and oxyalkylene functional siloxyl repeating units, the copolymeric silicone polyether having a degree of polymerization less than about twenty.~~
11. (original) A method according to Claim 6 in which the solvent is selected from the group consisting of organic solvents, aromatic solvents, hydrocarbon solvents, low molecular weight short chain linear siloxanes, and cyclic siloxanes.
12. (currently amended) A method of making a hydrophobic matrix containing a silicone pressure sensitive adhesive and a solid powdered hydrophilic drug or a solid powdered hydrophilic excipient comprising the sequential steps of (i) forming a semi-solid composition containing the solid powdered hydrophilic drug or the solid powdered hydrophilic excipient, and a surfactant; (ii) adding to the semi-solid composition formed in (i) a silicone pressure sensitive adhesive or a solution containing a solvent and a silicone pressure sensitive adhesive; and (iii) mixing the semi-solid composition and the silicone pressure sensitive adhesive or the solution

containing the solvent and the silicone pressure sensitive adhesive to form the hydrophobic matrix.

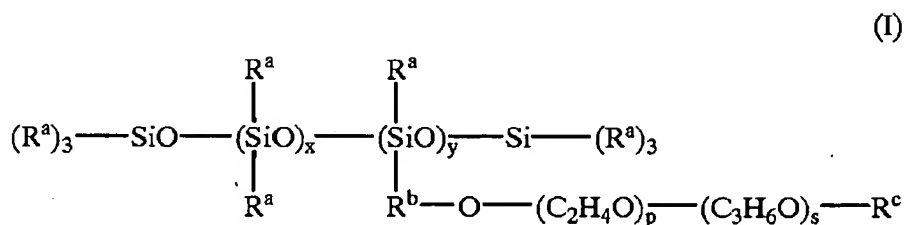
13. (original) A method according to Claim 12 including the step of (iv) applying the hydrophobic matrix to a substrate.

14. (original) The matrix made according to claim 1.

15. (original) The matrix made according to claim 3.

16. (original) The matrix made according to claim 12.

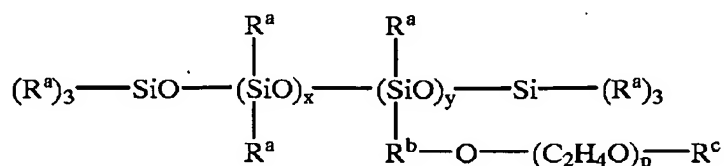
17. (currently amended) A composition comprising a solid powdered hydrophilic drug or a solid powdered hydrophilic excipient dispersed in a silicone polyether
wherein the silicon polyether is selected from



where R^a is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms with the proviso that when R^a is a terminal group it is selected from an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms and the group
 $-R^b-O-(C_2H_4O)_p-(C_3H_6O)_s-R^c$; R^b is the radical $-C_mH_{2m}-$; R^c is a terminating radical such as
hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a
value of two to eight; p and s have values such that the oxyalkylene segment

-(C₂H₄O)_p-(C₃H₆O)_s has a molecular weight in the range of 400 to 5,000; x has a value of 80 to 400; and y has a value of 2 to 10; and

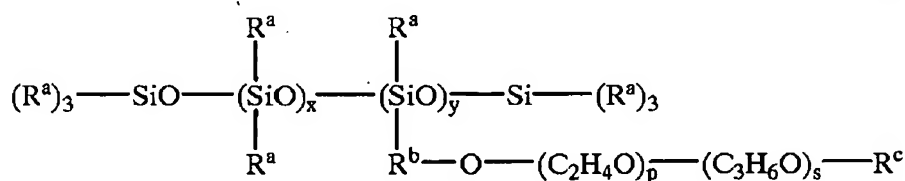
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where R^a is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms with the proviso that when R^a is a terminal group it is selected from an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms and the group
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an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two
to eight; p has a value of 8 to 16; x has a value of 6 to 12; and y has a value of 1 to 8.

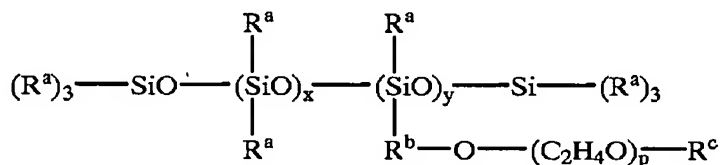
18. (currently amended) A hydrophobic matrix comprising a solid powdered hydrophilic drug or a solid powdered hydrophilic excipient and a silicone polyether evenly dispersed in a silicone pressure sensitive adhesive
wherein the silicon polyether is selected from

(I)



where R^a is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms with the proviso that when R^a is a terminal group it is selected from an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms and the group $-R^b-O-(C_2H_4O)_p-(C_3H_6O)_s-R^c$; R^b is the radical $-C_mH_{2m}-$; R^c is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two to eight; p and s have values such that the oxyalkylene segment $-(C_2H_4O)_p-(C_3H_6O)_s-$ has a molecular weight in the range of 400 to 5,000; x has a value of 80 to 400; and y has a value of 2 to 10; and

(II)



where R^a is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms with the proviso that when R^a is a terminal group it is selected from an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms and the group $-R^b-O-(C_2H_4O)_p-R^c$; R^b is the radical $-C_mH_{2m}-$; R^c is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two to eight; p has a value of 8 to 16; x has a value of 6 to 12; and y has a value of 1 to 8.